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## 400 WPA Workers Rushed to Kennett to Guard Levee

The Works Progress Administration Monday drafted 400 workers on its rolls for levee patrol service at Kennett, where the St. Francis river has risen to flood stage.

C. L. Blanton, Jr., assistant WPA administrator at Farmington, said the workers would be used as a precaution against levee breaks. U. S. army engineers of Memphis established headquarters in Kennett as the waters, accumulated from rains in the Ozarks north and west of Poplar Bluff, began to rise.

Headquarters Company Missouri National Guard, at Charleston, was called out Sunday to set up communication at Kennett.

All but one highway in Division 10 of the State Highway Department was passable Monday morning, headquarters here reported.

Highway 60 was covered with water Saturday by the rampaging Black River three miles east of Poplar Bluff. At first staked so that automobiles might proceed through the water, it was closed at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon when the level went to 30 inches over the concrete. Reopened again Monday morning with 14 inches covering it, it was expected to be clear by 2 p. m.

Highway 53 from Poplar Bluff to Quin, closed Saturday, was still impassable Monday morning under 30 inches of water from the swollen Black River.

Route W in Butler County, north out of Poplar Bluff through Chaonia, which served as a detour for Highway 67, was closed Saturday and thereby blocked traffic from Fredericktown to Poplar Bluff. This road was thrown open Monday as only three inches of water covered it.

## 20 Teachers Discuss Home Economics Ideas at Meet

Needs of the adolescent boy and girl provided the basis for discussion at the two-day home economics session at the High School.

Twenty teachers continued studies instigated by the State Department of Education on curriculum which will meet the changes in the present social order, at the new Home Economics Building in sessions all day Friday and Saturday morning. Material gathered by the group, along with that from other sessions in the state, will form the basis for new curriculum in secondary schools.

High school girls throughout the state in questionnaires last spring revealed their desires and problems to the Home Economics Division of the state department, according to Miss Isabel Hess, local instructor. This material was used as a background for study by home economics teachers at the State Teachers' Convention in St. Louis last November. This work was continued after the session and findings were discussed here this week.

Such problems as friction in home life, type of homes, size of families, the type of parents and kind of radio programs were brought in. An average for the state in the different phases was drawn, and at the meeting teachers learned of separate local situations and how they differed from the normal.

Miss Hess entertained the visitors at lunch in the Home Economics Cottage Friday noon. The meal was prepared by her students. The guest teachers were enthusiastic about the new cottage, as is the only one in the district.

Teachers came from points as far as Fredericktown on the north, Coater on the south, and Houston on the west.

Miss Louise Keller, state home economics supervisor, presided, and talks were also given by Miss Atlanta Purnell of Houston, Mo., and Miss Winnie Mae Rohlfing of Winona, Mo. Mrs. Blanche Logan, head of the home economics department of the Teachers' College at Cape Girardeau, was a guest and participated.

## Roy Welch Returns for Squeeze With Ed Malone

Roy Welch will meet a scientific opponent at the Legion matches at the armory, doing the mat flop with Eddie Malone, the Irish Sweepstakes boy. Art Perkins and Ted Bell of England will tangle in the other match.

Heretofore, Welch has met mostly the brawler type of wrestler and the chaos was anything but scientific. The 195-pound Irishman stands well up in grappling ability and so skill should play a part in the fray. The boys might forget themselves and get rough, though. Welch wrestled with Sid Marcus recently here and Sid is the same type of mat man as Malone, but both men resorted to unruly holds. Welch won this match and it is pretty likely he will take Malone. Welch weighs 192.

Art Perkins, the Detroitier, will be an even bet for Ted Bell. At 175 Bell is two pounds heavier than Perkins.

Last week Perkins came out second best against Jo-Jo the Pin Head.

This week's billing gives promoter Mike Meroney another 'round-the-world cast. Welch is from Canada, Malone from Ireland, Perkins from Detroit—U. S. A.—and Bell from England. An Irishman on the same card with an Englishman and a Canadian would start a riot in any other part of the world.

Unfavorable Weather on Founders' Day—Thursday, Feb. 17—prevented the Parent-Teacher Association from planting the trees commemorating the anniversary on the Bailey and South Grade School grounds.

Mrs. T. A. Martin, president of the association, said the organization would likely plant the trees this week, without formal notice, whenever a favorable day presented itself. However, planting at the Bailey grounds may be delayed until part of the grounds there is filled in.

It is planned to plant a redbud at the South Grade School. At Bailey a sweet gum and a Chinese elm, furnished by Charles H. Boyce, will replace a pin oak that died after planting last year. A redbud also may be planted at this school.

MOREHOUSE GIRL TO GO ON COLLEGE TOUR

Betty Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Fisher of Morehouse, will leave Feb. 25 on the annual education tour of Christian College, Columbia, where she is a senior. Thirty-one students, with Dr. J. C. Miller, president of the college, and Mrs. Miller, will make the trip. Their itinerary includes Florida points.

## MISS McCORD'S CLASS TO MEET THURSDAY NIGHT

Miss Adilda McCord's Sunday School Class of the Christian Church will meet Thursday evening, February 24, 7:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Ralph Bailey, Jr., 415 Matthews Ave.

## PARMA GIRL MARRIED TO BELL CITY BOY HERE FRI.

Miss Avenelle Hill of Parma, Mo., and Melvin Scherer of Bell City, Mo., were united in marriage by the Rev. E. W. Milner, pastor of the First Baptist church, at his home here Friday evening, February 18, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Milner and Miss Marian Sexton were witnesses.

## L. A. W. CLASS TO MEET WITH MRS. RUFUS REED

The L. A. W. Class of the Christian church will meet with Mrs. Rufus Reed, 411 Dorothy Street tonight (Tuesday) February 22, with Mrs. S. E. Reed as assistant hostess. All members are requested to be present.

## Y. W. A. TO MEET WITH MARIAN SEXTON TONIGHT

The Y. W. A. of the First Baptist Church will meet at the home of Miss Marian Sexton on Kathleen Avenue this (Tuesday) evening, February 22. All members are requested to be present.

Mrs. Valle Sharp, Mrs. L. J. Hazel and Mrs. B. I. Murback



GEORGE WASHINGTON—1732-1799

## BRITISH BUYERS FAVOR U. S. CANNED GRAPEFRUIT

American canned grapefruit segments and juice have become increasingly popular in the United Kingdom. The "U. K." is the principal export outlet for grapefruit and grapefruit juice canned in the United States, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Exports of canned segments and juice to the United Kingdom were but a quarter of a million cases in the 1931-32 season. These exports increased to more than a million cases this past season. During the same period, the United States production of canned segments and juice increased from a million cases to a production this past year of 10 million cases.

## It Takes Time to Clean A Range For Chickens

Clean range for young chickens is good insurance, according to H. L. Shrader of the United States Department of Agriculture. "Clean range," however, does not mean mere neatness and removal of scraps and refuse. Time is the main "cleaning" factor—and it takes 2 years to make a range clean enough to be safe.

Shrader defines a clean range as "one that has been free of chickens for at least 2 years and one on which poultry manure has not been spread." In 2 years, poultry parasites will die for lack of a chance to multiply. A clean range, free of parasites, gives young chickens a chance to grow without a handicap.

An ideal range, Mr. Shrader adds, also supplies plenty of shade for the hot summer months and an abundant supply of succulent green feed and fresh water that is not contaminated by parasites.

## I. BEN MILLER DIES AT CAPE GIRARDEAU

I. Ben Miller, 74, founder of the ice cream manufacturing plant which bore his name and widely known through this section, died at his home Saturday night in Cape Girardeau after a brief illness.

Also proprietor of a drug store and confectionary in Cape Girardeau, Mr. Miller was a native of Cape County. He started as a pharmacist in Cape Girardeau. Services were held there late Monday afternoon.

Ben Matthews and Tanner Dye returned Sunday afternoon from Hot Springs, Ark., where they had spent several weeks in the interest of their health.

## Wave of Illness Felt by Children of Grade Schools

Sickness in recent weeks has made quite a dent in enrollment at the grade schools of Sikeston. A mild epidemic of measles, which caused schools of Jackson to close before Christmas, has descended upon Sikeston, but so far the disease has not gained sufficient ground to cause schools here to close, according to Mrs. Della Poe, school nurse.

Mrs. Poe's records Monday showed 29 cases of measles among pupils of the South Grade School and six from Bailey. There were four cases of chicken pox and two of whooping cough. Colds and "flu" also accounted for large numbers of absences.

## FRED MATTHEWS WEDS STEELE, MO. GIRL

The marriage of Miss Helen Copeland of Steele, Mo., and Fred Matthews, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John A. Matthews, was solemnized at 7 o'clock Saturday evening, at the Matthews home on Greer Avenue. The Rev. John Taylor performed the ceremony in the presence of the groom's sisters, Miss Lena Matthews, Mrs. Tanner Dye and Mrs. Wilbur Ensor, and Mr. Ensor.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthews left that night to spend a week in St. Louis, after which Mr. Matthews will take his bride to Blytheville, where he is manager of the Arkansas Grocery.

## CHAFFEE STUDENT WINS JEFFERSON CITY TRIP

Student Assembly Examinations for High School Students of Scott County were given in the office of County Superintendent O. F. Anderson at Benton Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Glenn Hinkebein of Chaffee won first place, and second place, or alternate, was won by Jesse Lee Bentley of Ilmo. Madeline Mackley of Blodgett was third. Anderson will go to Jefferson City March 19 and with representative of each county in the state sit in on a mock Legislature and learn law-making methods.

## MARRIED BY JUSTICE

Hustin Jones of Akron, Ohio, and Edith Martin of Sikeston were married Saturday afternoon by Justice Wm. S. Smith at his office.

## Fayette Missouri Bans Peddlers

The Democrat Leader of Fayette says, house to house merchants might as well mark Fayette off as far as any business dealings are concerned. The board of aldermen has passed an ordinance banning all solicitors and beggars from the city. The act signed by Mayor E. Z. Liggett, is a double-barreled act giving the city police authority to suppress this nuisance and sets forth punishment by a fine of \$25 or jail sentence for persons convicted of violating the provisions of the enactment.

A colored woman went to buy a collar for her husband. "What size?" asked the clerk. "I done forgot," replied the woman, "but I can jes' manage to reach around' his throat wif my bofe hands."

## Rural Power Grant Made for 171-Mile Line Out of Sikeston

An information release from Rural Electrification offices in Washington, D. C., to H. M. Zaricor confirmed the telegram received by the temporary project superintendent Thursday from Congress Orville Zimmerman that \$157,000 had been allocated for a rural power line out of Sikeston.

The bulletin said the \$157,000 had been released for a 171-mile line to serve 518 customers of the Scott-New Madrid-Mississippi Co. Co-operative Association. This grant, it is understood, is the first allotment toward a total of \$300,000 to be spent for the full 300 miles of line planned.

G. E. Simpson, Kansas City electrical engineer, will now draw final plans on the line, Mr. Zaricor said at Benton Monday. These will be submitted for contractors bids, it was stated, in order that construction can begin in four to six weeks. Construction will originate at Sikeston, it is believed.

Mr. Simpson recently drafted temporary specifications, and on these the Washington allocation was made Thursday.

A loan contract for the funds will be negotiated by the board of directors of the co-operative association and the REA officials. The farm group will borrow the construction money from the government and pay off the debt over a period of 20 years. A customer pays only his light bill through his meter readings for the service, it was stated. There is no other charge.

The line in general will form a large triangle in the three counties with Sikeston in the center. Outlying points on this triangle are New Hamburg in Scott County, Kewanee in New Madrid County and Wyatt in Mississippi County. Branches off the main line are planned from Wyatt into the east side of Scott County, and from Oran north into the Caney Hills.

## Apollo Group Will Present Season's First Open Program

A wide variety of musical selections will be featured at the Marshall Hotel club room Thursday evening, February 24, when the Apollo Group presents its first open program of the season.

The program, which has been arranged and directed by Mrs. H. J. Welsh and Mrs. Geraldine Young, will be produced by group members' guests.

Mrs. E. H. Orear of Malden will appear as guest artist of the evening.

Proceeds from the sale of tickets will be applied to a fund for the purchase of a piano for the library auditorium.

The following program will furnish the evenings entertainment:

Chorus—Chillun, Come on Home (Noble Cain) Go down, Moses, (Noble Cain). Director—Mrs. Young. Accompanist—Mrs. Welsh. Instrumental Trio—Wiegand, Mrs. Harvey Johnson, Miss Woodson Hollingsworth, Mrs. Welsh. Voice—Ave Maria, (Santiago)

Mrs. E. H. Orear. Accompanist, Mrs. Welsh.

Vocal Trio—Celeste Aida (Veldi) Mrs. V. L. Bowles, Mrs. H. L. Harty, Mrs. W. E. Hollingsworth. Accompanist, Mrs. Welsh.

Instrumental Trio—Alaskan Twilight (Saxola), Mrs. Johnson, Miss Hollingsworth, Mrs. Welsh.

Sextet—Alice Blue Gown, Six Junior Girls.

Chorus—When Allan A-Dale Went A-Hunting (Pearsall), The Peasant and His Oxen (Smith-Ashen Brenner), The Cossack (Koschetz), Mrs. Young, Director. Mrs. Welsh, Accompanist.

The personnel of the chorus includes Mrs. V. L. Bowles, Miss Edith Elmore, Miss Wilma Ragans, Mrs. Fern Bowman, Mrs. G. W. Kirk, Mrs. L. L. Conatser, Mrs. John Tandy, Mrs. E. H. Orear, Mrs. H. E. Reuber, Mrs. Dellor Mott, Mrs. Paul Beckemeier, Mrs. W. E. Hollingsworth, Miss Alma Elmore, Messrs. G. W. Kirk, John Dover, James Lewis, Harry Dover, H. A. Bach, Judson Boardman, Jr., Elwood Taylor and Melvyn Koenegger.

## Ellenora Summers Married in Centenary Chapel St. Louis

Miss Ellenora Summers and W. L. Giddens, accompanied by the former's cousin, Mrs. Elmer Poage and Mr. Poage, motored to St. Louis Saturday morning where Miss Summers and Mr. Giddens were united in marriage at the chapel of Centenary Methodist Church at high noon Saturday.

The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, now a retired Methodist minister, with Mr. and Mrs. Poage and the groom's mother as witnesses.

After a wedding breakfast, the wedding party motored to Litchfield, Ill., Mr. Giddens' former home, where the remainder of the day and Sunday was spent visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Giddens, who teaches a rural school near Portageville, will continue teaching for the remainder of this term, and will then join her husband who is the musical director of the Canolou High School.

She is well known in Sikeston, having been born and reared in Canolou. Her grandfather, John Engram, was one of the oldest settlers in this part of the country. She was educated in the Teachers' Colleges at Bowling Green, Ky., and Cape Girardeau, Mo., while Mr. Giddens is a graduate of Central College, Fayette, Mo.

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF FARMERS DO NOT OBEY CROPS BILL

Washington, Feb. 18.—What will happen to farmers who oppose the marketing quota provisions of the new farm act and refuse to participate in the AAA program?

This question was answered today by Agriculture Department officials as follows:

"They will lose the benefits of the program and subject themselves to stiff tax penalties besides."

They explained that if a farmer planted more than his allotted acreage to cotton he would be denied benefit payments from the \$500,000,000 soil conservation fund. Similar payments to growers of wheat, corn, tobacco and rice will be based on the degree of the individual farmer's compliance with acreage allotments for these crops. The more he exceeds his allotment, the smaller will be his payment.

Under marketing quotas, farmers selling more than their quotas would be subject to penalty taxes on the excess sale of 2 cents a pound this year on cotton; 15 cents a bushel on corn and wheat; 50 per cent of the market price on tobacco; and one-half of a cent a pound on rice.

The program's commodity loan provisions also penalize the non-co-operative farmer. He will be able to get only 60 per cent as

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## Local Trucker at Hearing of I. C. C. Back to Sikeston—Lands in Jail

Ralph Potashnick of the Potashnick Truck Co. and Attorney Roger Bailey of Sikeston, along with D. D. McDonald of Jefferson City, Commerce Council attorney, are in Washington, D. C., attending a discussion before the Interstate Commerce Commission on truck regulations.

The Commission, which governs truck line operations as well as railroads, is holding the hearings to work out more feasible laws regulating truck lines, according to Gene Potashnick of the local office. Proprietors of large and small truck lines throughout the country are attending the sessions.

Ralph Potashnick and the attorneys left here Wednesday and expected to be in Washington about a week.

Norval Anderson returned Sunday morning after spending two weeks at Miami and other points

## STANDING OF SCHOOLS IN RURAL SCHOOL CONTEST

Tabulated at Noon Monday

- First—Miner School
- Second—Bowman School
- Third—McMullin School
- Fourth—Stringer School
- Fifth—Fairview School
- Sixth—Crowder School
- Seventh—Greer School
- Eighth—York School
- Ninth—Kendall School
- Tenth—Pleasant Valley
- Eleventh—Baker School
- Twelfth—Chaney School
- Thirteenth—Tanner School
- Fourteenth—St. Mary's
- Fifteenth—New Hamburg
- Sixteenth—Lennox School

## E. R. SCHWEGLER TO INSURE SESSION

Bartley R. Schwegler of Sikeston, district manager of the State Farm Insurance Companies, planned to leave Tuesday morning for Chicago to attend the annual convention of the companies. Because of the good showing in the district for the year 1937, Mr. Schwegler qualified for the trip with all of his expenses paid.

The State Farm Insurance Service was set up to provide legal reserve protection at the low cost. It now has over 7,000 representatives in 37 states and the District of Columbia. Mr. Schwegler has represented these companies for six years in this district with his office in Sikeston for the last two years. He expects to return on Friday.

## GOLF COURSE PROJECT MAY START MARCH 1

Operations of the new golf course and swimming pool project at the airport possibly will start March 1, according to Leon Groves, local WPA supervisor. The project has already been approved by the Washington, D. C., district WPA supervisor, said 21 men would likely be put on the job at first.

Work started the past week on sidewalks on Scott Street, continuing as weather permitted. This type of construction will take place wherever owners are prepared to contribute their portion toward the cost, Mr. Groves said.

## FOUNTAINERS PLAYING HERE IN PRELIMINARY

Hollingsworth's Fountainers will play the opening game Friday night at the High School gym against Gideon, before the Bulldogs meet Fruitland.

## ESCAPED ILLINOIS INSANE CONVICTS ARE RECAPTURED

Chester, Ill., Feb. 18.—Paul Harrison, 35, and Peter Florek, 22, both of Chicago, escaped criminally insane patients of the Illinois Security Hospital, were recaptured here this afternoon. They were found huddled in an old warehouse along the riverfront, suffering severely from exposure. The pair, who escaped last Saturday night, offered no resistance.

## TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Buford Lane, employe of Reis Dairy who has been suffering with double pneumonia since Friday, was taken to Southeast Missouri hospital in Cape Girardeau Sunday night in the Albritton ambulance. His condition is considered serious.

## SHORT-CHANGE SUSPECTS NABBED BY PATROLMAN

Two Oran youths wanted on suspicion of short-changing a man in Willow Springs were taken into custody on Malone Avenue Friday by Patrolman Melvin Dace, who noticed the license number of their parked car. The number had been broadened from Willow Springs. The pair was taken back to Willow Springs Saturday.

## Back to Sikeston—Lands in Jail

That old irresistible lure of Sikeston drew Douglas "Sparibis" Coleman, negro, back to this city the past week and landed him in jail for parole violation.

"Sparibis", much in the lime-light lately, has been on parole from the State Reformatory at Booneville, where he served time for a robbery at the Ansell Service Station at the highway intersection. With 21 months off for good behavior, he returned to his native haunts, Sikeston.

Recently he pleaded guilty to forging a small check on Walter Ansell, proprietor of the station, and was ordered to leave the county and never return. But Sikeston held too much promise for "Sparibis." He went to St. Louis and then came back. The other day he started a "ruckus" at a negro cabin and was arrested by police. He was then transferred to Benton to await a trip back to Booneville to serve the remainder of the 21 months.

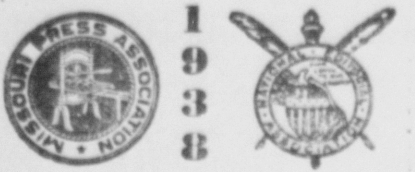
During the Golden Gloves tournament at Dexter recently, "Sparibis" was matched against another negro and was flattened

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### For Mayor

We are authorized to announce N. E. Fuchs as a candidate for Mayor of the City of Sikeston at the April election, subject to the will of the voters.

### For Collector

We are authorized to announce Luther Felker as a candidate for Collector of the City of Sikeston at the April election, subject to the will of the voters.

## MACHINE GUNS

Machine guns are divided into various classes such as: Aircraft, Anti-Aircraft, and Ground type. The machine gun provides the chief fire support within a Land-Force for all phases of combat.

It is a team served weapon and can produce a large volume of flexible and easily controlled fire. The gun is a breech loading automatic weapon and fires .30 or .50 caliber ammunition, the ammunition being fed to it from a specially constructed magazine or from metal belt links.

Effective results at much greater ranges because of the small dispersion is made possible by the stability of the tripod mount. Also the strike of the bullets can be observed by the use of tracer ammunition mixed in with the ball ammunition, thus facilitating the making of corrections in range and deflection as needed.

The machine gun is usually fired in bursts of 5 to 30 shots and at a rate of from 75 to 250 shots per minute, depending upon the type of target, the ammunition supply and the expected results to be achieved.

The characteristics of stability of the amount and capacity for sustained fire of great volume are not obtained without putting some weight into the weapon and this decreases its mobility. Provisions must also be made for an adequate supply of ammunition. Transportation of equipment is either "man-handled" or by hand-drawn carts. In this manner the guns can be taken almost any place that a rifleman can go and in return for the weight of the gun and carts we have a gun that can be laid for accurate delivery of fire during darkness, fog, or smoke; that can be used from defiladed positions against invisible targets at long ranges; and that, within limits, can be safely employed in firing over the heads of friendly troops.

Like all mechanical devices the machine gun is susceptible to break-down and stoppage, and for this reason is seldom used singly. Although it presents a small target and can be easily concealed, its vulnerability is great on account of its flash and the distinctive noise of firing, which inevitably draw attention.

Have you ever driven along on a country road and found that the driver ahead of you was courteously signalling what he intended to do? Doesn't it make you warm toward him? Do the same thing for the motorist who is following you. When slowing down or preparing to turn, give the chap behind you a signal. Be sure it is the right signal. Then do what you have signalled.

Know your signals. They vary in different localities, but it is easy to learn what they are.

Most highway accidents, you know, occur because one person does not know what another is going to do. You set the example by signalling your intentions. Start today.

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## BURIAL SOCIETIES' LEGALITY TEST IS PROPOSED BY STATE

Jefferson City, Feb. 17.—Plans to test the constitutionality of a state statute authorizing burial societies to operate in Missouri have been announced by Attorney General Roy McKittick.

The state's legal department head said he believed the law permitting burial societies to incorporate was in conflict with the constitutional provisions limiting such organizations to those formed for benevolent, religious, scientific or educational purposes.

Burial societies, which solicit members and assess them annual dues to cover funeral expenses at designated undertaking establishments, do not come under those classifications, McKittick contended.

# MISSOURI HISTORY

Courtesy Missouri Historical Society

## Henry Sheffie Geyer

Henry Sheffie Geyer, chosen as the senatorial successor of Thomas Hart Benton on February 22, 1851, settled in St. Louis in 1815, where he practiced law and soon gained distinction as a jurist and statesman. One of the earliest commentators on Missouri laws, he collected and edited the laws of Missouri to 1818, accompanying his work with an explanation of French and Spanish land titles. He was one of the revisors of the Missouri statutes in 1825, and contributed largely to the adoption of a code of State laws which was then superior to that of any other western state.

Geyer was born in Frederick, Maryland, of German parentage, on December 6, 1790. After having studied law with his uncle, Daniel Sheffie, and General Nelson, he began his practice at the age of twenty-one. Soon thereafter, in 1812, he joined the army and rapidly rose to the rank of lieutenant and became the regimental paymaster of the 38th Infantry. Following the war he auspiciously selected St. Louis then a frontier village, as the place of his residence and law business.

Having an aptitude for study the young lawyer assiduously applied himself to the rudimentary laws of the territory and to the problems involved in Spanish-American land grant titles. For a period of forty years hardly an important land case was settled without his assistance. In the noted land case of Strother vs. Lucas, his keen analysis of the issue and his brilliant arguments were such that Chief Justice Marshall, who presided, later expressed astonishment at Geyer's legal sagacity and acuteness. As an attorney for the defendant slave owner in the Dred Scott case he established the main points and arguments later elaborated upon by Justice Taney in his decision. Webster, Ewing and Reverdy Johnson, who were also interested in the case, learned to respect his ability as a jurist.

In chancery cases and commercial law Geyer was an adept student, and in managing jury trials, examining witnesses and presenting evidence he was unexcelled. His career as a jurist was only slightly more conspicuous than his political career.

After the admission of Missouri to statehood, Geyer served in the legislature for five terms and was three times chosen speaker of the House. He was responsible for pointing out a seeming error in the resolution of Congress of March 2, 1821, which in effect imposed upon Missouri a "condition" of admission to the Union. The said condition was, that clause four of section twenty-six of the Missouri constitution should not be construed to authorize the passage of laws in contravention thereof. The State was to declare its assent to the above condition by a legislative "Solemn Public Act." Geyer called attention to the fact that the fourth clause was not the objectionable clause. Later investigations revealed a difference in the Washington and Missouri copies of the constitution, yet the immediate effect of the discovery was the adoption of the act by a large majority. Geyer was the author of Missouri's "Solemn Public Act," and its principal advocate. He declined the post of secretary of war, tendered him by President Fillmore, in 1850, and was then elected to succeed Senator Thomas Hart Benton by the Missouri general assembly, on February 22, 1851. Scharf, in commenting on his activities in Congress said: "Throughout his legislative career he was distinguished for comprehensive views, for independent and accurate judgment, for clear perception of what was required in general legislation, and for a remarkable adaptation to the labors and ill-understood work of framing laws."

By the "Geyer Act," which was drafted by Geyer and adopted by the General Assembly on February 11, 1839, the educational system advocated by Thomas Jefferson and put into effect by the State of Virginia was transplanted to Missouri. The act provided for a system of elementary schools, secondary schools (academies and colleges), and a university consolidated into a unified educational system. It was undoubtedly the greatest piece of public school legislation in early Missouri history. The State University and the State Public School System may be said to begin with its

adoption. The author of the act may properly be called the emancipator of Missouri youth.

Henry Sheffie Geyer died on March 15, 1859. He was a consistent member of the Episcopal Church, a firm Whig and an ardent admirer of Henry Clay. He was the oldest member of the St. Louis bar both in years and professional standing. And at the time of his death the members of the association elected to wear crepe on their arms for a period of thirty days.

## Decisive Role in Modern Warfare Played by the "Offensive" Navies

Friends of peace have been deeply concerned in recent weeks lest the United States build a navy for offense, rather than for defense only. Members of Congress have taken up the cry, in fighting the pending navy bill, which provides for the rejuvenation and strengthening of the American fighting force on the sea. One wonders how many of these friends of peace have studied history.

We won the American Revolution in part, at least, because France had a navy in the United States strong enough to drive the British navy away from the mouth of Chesapeake bay in 1781, leaving the British general, Cornwallis, helpless and forced to surrender at Yorktown.

We lost the War of 1812 because we did not have a navy large enough to cope with that of Great Britain, although what few warships we had fought gallantly and skillfully and often defeated their British opponents. But the British landed an army on the shores of Chesapeake bay and burned the White House and the United States treasury building because we did not have a fleet powerful enough to prevent their landing, nor an army sufficiently trained to stand and fight.

Napoleon eventually lost a long war to Great Britain after he had won many battles because the British navy under Lord Nelson had destroyed the French and Spanish fleets at Trafalgar, far from England, October 21, 1805. That ended Napoleon's sound plan for invading England, and eventually Britain bled France into submission.

The Confederacy lost the Civil war because the Union navy eventually made its blockade so tight that not enough cotton could be run through the blockade to European markets to provide money to keep a war going. History books are inclined to slight the capture of New Orleans and Mobile in favor of more spectacular and deadly struggles, like Gettysburg, but the navy strangled Southern business there. With out commerce to support them, nations at war eventually are starved into submission, however great their military skill, however gallant their resistance.

Few persons, thinking of the World war, think about navies. Yet they were a vital factor. After the first few sea fights in 1914, which destroyed outlying squadrons of the German navy, like that of Von Spee off South America, and the fast commerce-destroying cruiser Emden, the German navy faded out of the picture. Except for the battle of Jutland, which nobody won, the German navy hid in the Kiel canal for the duration of the war, until its sailors mutinied against the rule of the Kaiser and helped bring on the armistice.

Germany had an excellent second-best navy at the outbreak of the World war. Ship for ship, it probably was quite as good as Britain's or as ours. But there weren't enough ships. The German navy was not large enough to take the offensive; it had to hide under the protection of the guns of forts. Being unable to take the offensive, it could not do anything effective about defense either.

Except for sending out submarines, which took a heavy toll of Allied commerce, the German navy achieved nothing. Heavy as that toll was, the Allies controlled the sea. Submarine warfare did not enable Germany to carry on enough commerce to keep the war going, despite the fact that the Germans had the most powerful land military machine in the world when they went to war. They might well have taken a leaf out of Napoleon's book. He, too, had the most powerful army in the world, but without a competent navy large enough to keep the French flag on the seas, he finally lost his wars.

Our own military history is associated intimately with that of France and England. When Britain's thirteen colonies, strung out from New England to Georgia, decided in 1776 that they ought to be free and independent, France, ruled by King Louis XVI, was building a navy to fight England. Two years later, in 1778, France declared war on England. So the American Revolution became part of a war between the two most powerful nations in Europe. France sent fleets to America, as well as to the West Indies. So did England.

improve business in Boston. They were quite put out when the French squadron scurried away to the West Indies, leaving them to the mercy of the British navy.

As far as number of ships and power of cannon was concerned, the French navy outweighed the British at that time. It did not win the decisive victory that it should have because of unwise and over-cautious tactics, and because the French never were as successful sailors as either the British or the Americans.

Nevertheless, when the Comte de Grasse, admiral of the French navy in the western hemisphere, pointed the prowess of his warships north toward Chesapeake bay, the British army moved out of Philadelphia in a hurry and prepared to hold New York City, even though it meant the sacrifice of Cornwallis's army and the virtual abandonment of a campaign in the South in which the British had won many victories.

The French fleet off the mouth of the Chesapeake outnumbered that of England. It had taken the offensive. Our American ancestors might have won the Revolution without French aid, but certainly their victory was hastened because that French fleet was where it was, and because it was as big as it was.

England and France were at war again in the first years of the nineteenth century. The French Revolution had passed through its first bloody years and the powerful French navy had suffered tremendously as a result. Officers had been routed from their ships by mutinous crews, filled with the heady wine of revolutionary thinking. The same thing happened in Russia in 1917 after the downfall of the czar's regime.

It took a long time for the republican government of France to reorganize its navy so that it could be counted on as a fighting force. Napoleon never got the French navy to the point of efficiency he desired. Had he done so, he probably would have died at Fontenoy, still emperor, not on the island of St. Helena, a British prisoner.

From 1801, when Thomas Jefferson became the third President of the United States, until the summer of 1812 when we went to war with Britain, the troubles of American shipping and of business generally multiplied as a result of the war abroad. Jefferson was a sincere lover of peace, determined not to permit this country to become embroiled in a European war. Although he did not approve of Napoleon, Jefferson's sympathies were with France rather than with England. It had been less than twenty years since we were fighting England; France had been our ally in a time we needed one desperately, and the author of the Declaration of Independence could not forget that.

England forbade us to trade with France and France forbade us to trade with England. The warships of each country seized American merchantmen and sent their crews to prison. Of course, England seized more, because the English navy was stronger.

Jefferson determined to stay out of war at any price, and, regarding an American navy as a factor which would provoke war, he virtually abolished what navy we had. Seagoing warships were sold by the United States, and no new ones built to take their place.

Jefferson favored a navy "for defensive purposes only." It would be cheap to operate, he argued, and he felt it was all the navy a right thinking nation needed. So he got Congress to vote money for the construction of about 200 gunboats, about as big as the subschubers of World war days. Those subschubers, by the way, were sold to anybody who would buy them after the World war, and a lot of them were converted into rum-runners, operating between the West Indies and the United States.

Jefferson's gunboats, however, were not sufficiently seaworthy to go that far afield. They never ventured out of the mouths of the

rivers in which they were built, lurking there under the protection of the guns of forts. As a means of defense, they were utter failures. But the farmer-philosopher of Monticello couldn't realize that.

Writing to Thomas Paine, the distinguished atheist and free-thinker, who had invented an improved gunboat, President Jefferson said:

"Believing myself that gunboats are the only water defense which can be useful to us and protect us from the ruinous folly of a navy, I am pleased with everything which promises to improve them."

Despite the President's careful abstention from "the ruinous folly of a navy" and the similar abstention of President Madison, who succeeded him, we did not stay out of war. In the twelve years before the War of 1812, not one seagoing warship was built in the United States. In 1807 Jefferson induced Congress to pass a law forbidding any American ship to go abroad at all with a cargo. Congress banned foreign trade. Thousands of American seamen were thrown out of work. Many of them went to work on British vessels.

American business generally suffered. The "embargo," as the congressional trade ban was called, was intensely unpopular. There was a lot of cheating under it. False sailing papers were taken out; American vessels cleared for American coast ports and turned up in West Indian or Canadian ports, with stories of storms that had driven them off their courses. After a little more than a year the embargo was repealed, to be followed by a modified restriction of trade, which forbade American businessmen to trade with England or France. Of course, that law also was ignored.

And eventually, despite the most conscientious and prolonged effort in our history to avoid war by re-

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These narrow gates: First, "Is it true?"  
Then: "Is it needful?" In your mind  
Give truthful answer, and the next  
Is last and closest, "Is it kind?"  
And, if to reach your lips at last,  
It passes through these gateways three,  
Then you may tell the tale, nor fear  
What the result of speech may be.

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maining unarmed, we found ourselves in a war.

We didn't win one land battle in the entire course of the war. The British took Ft. Niagara at Buffalo and held it. They took Detroit. They would have taken more, undoubtedly, except for an amazing naval victory on Lake Erie, won by Oliver Hazard Perry, with a fleet of little warships, built of green lumber, which outfought a fleet of similarly crude vessels the British had built for the

emergency. Our sea-borne commerce however, was virtually eliminated for the duration of the war, which ended late in 1814. We were glad to make peace before England, temporarily free from Napoleon, who was exiled on Elba, could turn its full strength against us.

It is an axiom in military science that the best defense is an offense. However peaceful a nation's policy, however little it desires war and however much it strives

to avoid war, if war comes, it is a good deal more comfortable for the home folk to have a navy strong enough to blockade and bombard the enemy's coast towns instead of having him carry the fight to your own front yard. That happened to us in 1812.

George Washington also had a war in his country's own front yard four years when he wrote to the count of Rochambeau, a French military leader, July 15, 1780:

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## A WORLD CRUISE

By W. R. Lence

Three nights and two days are consumed on the voyage from Bombay to Colombo. On Monday, March 1st, a whale is sighted on the port side. The weather is hot and oppressive, and passengers search for the coolest place on the ship. At seven in the evening we pass Muttur Point, southernmost point in India. Farther to the east, Cape Comorin is in sight.

At seven a. m. March 2nd, we are anchored in the harbor of Colombo. The most conspicuous sight from our position is a great electric sign, near the water's edge, about 150 feet high. It reads: "Ceylon for good tea." For the first day of sight seeing, passengers are divided into two groups. The first group is to take a special train for Kandy and return by automobiles, and the second group is to reverse this order. Both the train and automobile trips are delightful excursions. Passengers voted the auto excursion the most impressive automobile trip of the entire world tour.

The railroad cars have corridors in the center, also side doors. Passengers make their ingress and egress through the side doors. A four-wheel box car between the locomotive and the first coach acts as a buffer. This railroad has eliminated most of its grade crossings.

The vegetation is luxuriant. There are many orchards of coconut palms with trees planted in straight rows, and all loaded with large nuts. In contrast to India, the farmers live in farm houses. Many of the houses are set in beautiful coconut groves, Ceylon is called by such names as "Pearl of the Orient," and "Pendant Jewel of India." The Buddhists call it, "The Pearl upon the Brow of India." The Mohammedans assigned it "To the exalted parents of mankind to console them for the loss of the Garden of Eden."

Wires strung between trees support thousands of prayer flags of the devout Buddhists. The railroad follows up a beautiful swift running stream. Naked natives are out working in rice fields. They are engaged in all the processes of rice culture: preparing the ground, planting, cultivating, harvesting and threshing. As soon as one crop is harvested they begin preparing the same ground to plant the next crop. Every season is seedtime, and likewise every season is harvest.

It is wash-day in Ceylon. Many natives are out in the bays and in Kelani River hard at work on the family laundry. Like the natives of India, they pound their clothes over rocks. Mark Twain said of these laundrymen, "They try to split a stone with a shirt." Why they do not split the shirt is a mystery to me.

Climbing up the mountain we pass Adam's Peak, 7,353 feet high. According to Buddhist superstition, it is the mount from which Buddha ascended to heaven, and is a very sacred spot. On the summit there is a cavity in the rock which resembles a huge footprint. The Mohammedans say that it is the imprint of Adam's foot. The Buddhists say that it is a track of Buddha; and the Hindus say that it is the foot-print of none other than Siva. Those who pay their money to go up may take their choice, but be sure that which ever they choose will be wrong. We also pass Bible Rock, the summit of which is said to resemble an open Bible.

American made automobiles meet us at the railroad station, Kandy, and carry us to Queens Hotel for lunch. This splendid hotel, one of the largest in Asia, overlooks beautiful Lake Victoria. The city lies in a lovely valley, surrounded by hills covered with flowering trees. A native proverb says that Kandy is "only forty miles from Heaven." It might be

that close, but under the last king, the city itself was anything but Heaven. Visitors are shown the island in Lake Victoria where this king used to banish his troublesome wives. He was an inhuman monster. A group of native merchants went from Colombo up to Kandy on a trading expedition. Those who escaped with their lives had their ears slit and noses clipped. This caused the British Government to intervene. They took it over in 1815, and ever since, the whole island has been a crown colony.

While we wait for lunch at Queen Hotel we are entertained by native male dancers. They wear skirts with wide belts covered with rich silver trimmings. Their bodies are decorated with beads, but otherwise naked. Their gorgeous head gear also is richly trimmed in silver. Dancing is a serious business with them, and their movements are graceful. The "Queens" Hotel serves a lunch that is fit for a queen.

The cruise members who took the South India excursion joined us again here. They left my group at Calcutta and came down the east coast through Madras, Trandjore and Trichinopoly, and ferried across the strait from Dhanushkodi to Talaimannar, and thence by train and automobile to Kandy. They brought wonderful stories of the buried cities in Northern Ceylon, the most famous of which is Anuradhapura. These ruins cover an area larger than the present city of London, about 256 square miles. It was a city of great palaces, temples and dagobas.

The Brazen Palace was 250 feet square, nine stories high, and roofed with sheets of brass. But it is now a forest of pillars, about 1,600 in number. Rumanweli Dagoba was 380 feet in diameter at the base, and 270 feet high, built in the second century B. C. Abhayagiri Dagoba, built in 87 B. C., was 401 feet at the base, and 320 feet high. The wonderful carvings on these temples and shrines depict processions of animals, floral scrolls etc.

This great city was one vast monastery where ascetic monks spent their entire lives in solemn contemplation with the object of attaining the Nirvana. What is the Nirvana? It is total and final annihilation of the soul, by which it escapes from further trans-migrations (Metempsychosis) into rats, mice, lice etc. The goal of these poor benighted people is not immortality, but avoidance of it. This is one way in which the philosophies taught by the humble Buddha have been corrupted.

The famous Bo Tree is here. The official literature says that it was planted about 240 B. C., by an Indian princess who cut the original branch from the Bo Tree at Buddha-Gaya, India, under which Buddha sat when his philosophies were sealed to him.

Anuradhapura was founded in 437 B. C., and was the capital of Ceylon until 1109 A. D. Like Fatehpur Sikri, it is now a desert.

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ed city. Some of the cruise members think that its ruins are more impressive than Angkor Wat.

Milwaukee is said to have been made famous by a certain brand of beer. Kandy is famous for a certain tooth. This fraudulent relic is said to have come from the mouth of Buddha. It was rescued from the funeral pyre of Buddha, 2,500 years ago, and is now enshrined in a temple here, called Temple of the Tooth. Therefore the first place to be visited in Kandy is this famous temple. This fraudulent relic is worshipped by nearly half a billion people, and when it was installed here about 400 years ago it made Kandy the holy city of the Buddhists. The Buddhists make pilgrimages to Kandy from all parts of the world, like Moslem to Mecca, and bring valuable offerings.

This famous tooth is enshrined in seven golden caskets which are secured in a heavy iron vault, and guarded day and night. It is exhibited to the public only once a year, in the month of August. Then the priests enter the inner shrine and open the silver and ivory doors. The inner casket is set on a massive silver table, and devotes view it through gilded bars. The caskets are richly adorned with rubies, emeralds and diamonds. In another ceremony the inner casket is placed on the back of a sacred elephant and carried in a procession about the city, followed by innumerable Buddhist fanatics from many parts of the world.

The original relic, which also was a sham, was publicly burned in 1560, at Goa, in the presence of the Portuguese Viceroy and his suite. But the Buddhists could not function without Buddha's tooth, therefore they manufactured another. A replica of the new humbug is on exhibition in the museum at Colombo. It is about two inches long, and one inch in diameter. I thought of the bright red thistle which they palm off as a whiskey out of Mohammed's hand, in the Jami Buddha must have been a fierce looking monster if he had teeth like this. Masjid mosque at Delhi.

This "sacred" temple, like all health temples is dirty and repulsive. Outside are hideous monstrosities called Hindu gods, which are in some way associated with Buddhist worship. There are numerous Buddhist priests, who wear yellow robes which leave one arm and shoulder bare. Each carries a parasol and a fan. This temple also has a sacred bo tree which the faithful worship. It is a beautiful tree with fine green foliage. The Buddhists believe that the leaves tremble in agitated reverence because Buddha once taught beneath its

branches. They say that it is a living representation of Buddha himself who is credited with saying, "He, who worships it, will receive the same reward as if he worshipped me in person."

### INFANT GROSS CHILD DIES AT MOREHOUSE

Melvin Chester Gross, year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gross of Morehouse, died at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon of pneumonia. Surviving are nine brothers and sisters, in addition to the parents. Services were held Friday afternoon in the Morehouse Pentecostal Church, and burial was in the Dexter Cemetery with Albritton service.

### JUNIOR LEGION AUXILIARY ORGANIZED FRIDAY FEB. 18

On Friday afternoon, February 18, at the home of Mrs. Ural Rabb, President of the Senior Auxiliary, a Junior Auxiliary was perfected. Mrs. Rabb, assisted by Mrs. Harry Dudley and Mrs. Arthur Burrow, installed the following officers, who will serve for one year:

Mary Helen Wagner, Leader.  
Vondalea Lufey—Associate Leader.

Joan Burrow—Secretary-treasurer.

Martha Stevens—Color Bearer.  
Rosemary Proff—Chaplain.  
Betty Lee Hirschberg—Sergeant at Arms.

Mary Jane Cummins—Historian. The meetings will be every first and third Friday afternoons, and will be held in the Legion room until the Library is completed. All daughters of Legion men are eligible and the Senior Auxiliary expects to have a fine membership in a short while.

The following girls were present at the first meeting: Joan Burrow, Mary Jane and Betty Wayne Cummins, Mary Helen and Elizabeth Wagner, Matilda May Long, Vondalea Lufey, Patsy Ruth Heath, Eleanor McClure, Betty Lee Hirschberg, Rosemary Proff, Martha Stevens and Chalcace Rabb. Helen Vera Dudley and June Shirley Langley were not present at this meeting but have become members.

### CO-WORKERS TO MEET WITH MRS. A. J. MOORE

The regular meeting of the Co-Workers will be held this (Tuesday) afternoon, at the home of Mrs. A. J. Moore on Park Avenue. Plans will be completed for the St. Patrick's Party to be given on March 16th.

—Dr. Drace, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist in Sikeston every Thursday. Glasses fitted. tf

### PRE-SCHOOL STUDY CIRCLE TO MEET TUESDAY NIGHT

The second meeting of the Study Group for mothers of young children, of which Mrs. R. A. Harper is chairman and teacher, will be held Tuesday night, February 22, at 7:30 o'clock at the Home Economics Cottage with the following mothers as hostesses: Mrs. Wm. Mahew, Mrs. Harrison Tanner, Mrs. T. E. Rafferty, Mrs. Gene Aufdenberg and Mrs. Ralph Bailey, Jr. All mothers are invited to join the group.

Three closely related topics will be presented at this meeting, the lessons being articles from the National Parent-Teacher Magazine, especially written for the course "The Young Child in the Family". The topics are "Learning To Adapt", "Learning to Live With People" and "The Family and Emotional Patterns".

For the third meeting scheduled for Tuesday night, March 1, the following topics were selected: "Anger in Young Children" and "Can Mother Find Time for Fun?"

The course is sponsored by the Pre-School Department of the Parent-Teacher Association and is open to all mothers interested.

Mrs. Harper plans to arrange an exhibit of literature available to mothers in the field of child care and child development.

Following the presentation of the lesson and discussion by the group simple refreshments will be served by the hostesses.

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### GEORGE C. BEAN OF ILLMO DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Illmo, Mo., Feb. 17.—George C. Bean, 78, city collector here for the past eight years, and former assessor of Scott county, died at a Cape Girardeau hospital at 10 a. m. today of pneumonia.

Bean was stricken last Saturday and removed to the Cape Girardeau hospital. He was postmaster at Illmo during the two administrations of Woodrow Wilson and was well known throughout this district.

His wife died about 10 years ago. Survivors include a son, Frank Bean, and a daughter, Miss Gertrude Bean of Illmo. Funeral arrangements had not been completed here today.

### EXPECT BABY CHICKS OF KNOWN BREEDING TO BE PLENTIFUL THIS YEAR

Baby chicks will be available in quantity this spring under the

first three breeding stages of the National Poultry Improvement Plan, says Paul B. Zumbro, senior poultry coordinator, United States Department of Agriculture. The Department is administering the improvement program in cooperation with 42 States.

The three different stages of breeding under which quantity buying will be possible are known as U. S. Approved, U. S. Verified, and U. S. Certified. Chicks from these stages are suitable for growing into pullets and cockerels for laying flocks or for meat production.

Chick buyers who want breeding stock can get chicks produced under still higher stages of breeding; that is, the fourth or U. S. Record of Performance and the fifth or U. S. Register of Merit breeding stages.

A total of about seven million officially selected breeding chickens will be producing hatching eggs this spring under the five breeding stages of the national plan.

In addition to the breeding of the chicks, Zumbro points out that pullet control also may be represented. The chicks may come from U. S. Pullet Tested, U. S. Pullet Passed, or U. S. Pullet Clean breeding flocks.

Chick buyers can get the names of any of the approximately 1,500 hatcheries participating in the national plan from the official State agencies. A list of these agencies in the 42 cooperating States is available from the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Since not all States are doing the same breed-improvement nor the same pullet-control work, the list also shows which breeding and pullet-control activities are in progress in each of the 42 States.

Broke His Neck Every Day for a Lawless Living! The Ten Rules That Make a Polite Dog! Those are the titles of two of the many interesting features appearing in The American Weekly, the magazine distributed with Next Sunday's Chicago Herald and Examiner.

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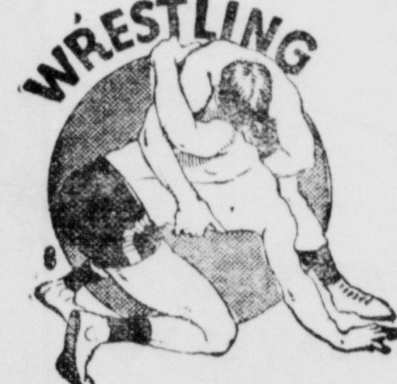
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### For Mayor

We are authorized to announce G. W. Presnell as a candidate for Mayor of the City of Skeston at the April election, subject to the will of the voters.

We are authorized to announce W. E. Hollingsworth as a candidate for Mayor of the City of Skeston at the April election, subject to the will of the voters.

### For Police Judge

We are authorized to announce W. H. Carter as a candidate for Police Judge of the City of Skeston at the April election, subject to the will of the voters.

We are authorized to announce Brown Jewell as a candidate for Police Judge of the City of Skeston at the April election, subject to the will of the voters.

### For Police Chief

We are authorized to announce George L. Dye, Jr., as a candidate for Police Chief of the City of Skeston at the April election, subject to the will of the voters.

### For City Collector

We are authorized to announce Barney Forrester as a candidate for Collector of the City of Skeston at the April election, subject to the will of the voters.

We are authorized to announce Jack Lancaster as a candidate for Collector of the City of Skeston at the April election, subject to the will of the voters.

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We are authorized to announce Albert "Fat" Williams as a candidate for Collector of the City of Skeston at the April election, subject to the will of the voters.

We are authorized to announce Wayman Shankle as a candidate for Collector of the City of Skeston at the April election, subject to the will of the voters.

### For Alderman

We are authorized to announce Vodrel Kirby as a candidate for Alderman in the First Ward of the City of Skeston at the April election, subject to the will of the voters.

We are authorized to announce Frank Miller as a candidate for Alderman in the Second Ward of the City of Skeston at the April election, subject to the will of the voters.

We are authorized to announce T. F. Ruffery as a candidate for re-election as Alderman from the 4th Ward of the City of Skeston at the April election, subject to the will of the voters.

We would just like to know what is Dutch for "Oh hell!" This is important because, whatever it is, that is what every Dutchman in the world said when Juliana's baby turned out to be another girl. Thus for three times in succession the Dutch throne will be occupied by a female of the species. Even a Dutchman gets tired of a thing like that.—Paris Appeal.

A local young woman had been out the night before and had a throbbing head entered a drug store and decided to help herself to some aspirin tablets while the clerk was busy, but in a short while got to thinking if she had got aspirins or some poison tablets so hurried back to the drug store and looked at the label on the bottle which read: "Plant Food."

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then in small type underneath read: "Each tablet is equal to one shovel full of manure."

## STATE CAPITOL NEWS REEL

Completion of liquidation of seven Missouri banks during January has been reported to Gov. Lloyd C. Stark by Mr. Waldo Holt, State Finance Commissioner, who recently announced a drive to liquidate closed banks as rapidly as possible without sacrificing assets. . . . William A. Kitchen, a past state commander of the American Legion, has been appointed by Governor Stark to Division No. 8 of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Kansas City, to succeed the late Judge Daniel E. Bird. . . . Continuing their campaign against faulty headlights, state highway patrol officers ordered 6082 headlight corrections during January. . . . The old paste board sales tax tokens used by Missouri for two years are fast disappearing from circulation and soon will be replaced entirely with the new disks, according to G. H. Bates, sales tax supervisor, who states that the old tokens are being redeemed at their face value and then destroyed. . . . R. F. Campbell, traffic manager for the state highway department, died February 10 in a Jefferson City hospital. . . . Adjutant General M. Means has been named commanding general of the Missouri National Guard by Gov. Stark to succeed Gen. E. M. Stayton, who was selected recently as National Guard Commander for the Thirty-fifth Division. . . . Measles and other "children's" diseases increased while pneumonia and influenza decreased sharply during January, figures of the State Health Department show. . . . State Senator C. S. Nelson of Freeman and State Representative H. S. Rainwater of Bolivar will be employed, Aug. 15 to Nov. 15. Governor Stark has announced, as members of the statute revision commission to succeed Senator George D. Clayton and Representative Elza Johnson, who advised the chief executive they would be unable to serve. . . . The State Highway Commission has asked for bids to be received February 25 on construction of 41 miles of roadway at an estimated total cost of \$1,000,000. . . . Fur dealers who have not taken out 1938 permits are liable to arrest if they have any pelts in their possession, the State Conservation Commission has pointed out.

## Mississippi Co. Agent

### Speaks to Kiwanis Club

The new farm program passed by Congress is the best, from the standpoint of the farmer's benefit, that has ever been passed, R. Q. Brown, Mississippi County Farm Agent at Charleston, told the Kiwanis Club at its regular meeting Friday night. Next week's meeting will have a Washington's Birthday theme and a speaker will talk on George Washington.

## REHEARING RULES

### FOR OLD AGE AID

Jefferson City, Feb. 18.—The State Social Security Commission announced tonight the procedure for old-age assistance applicants who seek a hearing on their claims.

The applicant or recipient should first get in touch with the local social security office and ask that the original decision be reconsidered. The secretary director and district supervisor will then review in detail all the factors that entered into the decision and will discuss personally with the applicant the reasons for the rejection. If additional information can be presented by the applicant, it will be gladly received and given careful consideration. A detailed summary of the reconsideration of the case will be filed with the State Commission.

If the applicant feels that the reconsidered decision does not cover all the factors in his case, he may then appeal to the State Commission for a fair hearing. Forms for this purpose are available in each local office and should be secured there by the applicant.

Announcement made a few days ago that appeals could be made direct to the State Commission without reconsideration by the county office was erroneous and will not be followed.

## HAWORTH SAYS RULES

### DELAY AGE GRANT HIKE

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 17.—George I. Haworth, Administrator of the state social security act, said here today the Social Security Commission was eager to comply with Gov. Lloyd C. Stark's recent request that old-age assistance grants be increased. But, he said, necessity of meeting federal requirements was delaying or preventing such increases despite the fact Missouri was piling up a "surplus" he estimated would reach \$4,000,000 by next December 31.

Haworth, here to address the Missouri Highway Engineers' Association, said the Federal Social Security Board demanded a thorough investigation of each individual case before any increase was granted. Otherwise, the government would not match funds.

The ancient coliseum at Rome had a capacity of 100,000 spectators, with seats for 87,000.

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# HEALTH HINTS for LIVESTOCK



Mud holes are breeders of disease germs and parasites, and are expensive luxuries for the farmer.

## Farm Cleanup Will Reduce Livestock Disease One-Fifth

A few days spent in cleaning up the barnyard and stock barns would add many dollars to the average farmer's livestock profits.

Old hog lots and unsanitary quarters harbor the parasites and the germs of numerous livestock diseases.

Mange, lice, swine enteritis, chicken cholera, horse distemper, contagious abortion, hog cholera, and lockjaw are among the common menaces to farm livestock which may lurk in old, infested lots and quarters. At least a 20 percent reduction in livestock disease the first year will reward the farmer who will undertake such a cleanup.

First steps suggested are: Fill up or fence off mudholes, burn old straw stacks, board up holes beneath buildings, fence off manure piles, eradicate rats, mice, pigeons, sparrows, spread crushed rock around water tanks, clean and disinfect all buildings used by animals, scrub all feed boxes and roosts with hot lye water. The McLean county clean ground system of swine raising has been a great forward step, because it removes young pigs from these very dangers of infection from old lots and buildings.

Germs of some livestock diseases can live for several years in mudholes or dark corners of barns, awaiting an opportunity to find a suitable host. So an annual cleanup is almost necessary if the farmer wants to raise stock for maximum profit.

## Bulldogs This Week Engaging College Preps and Fruitland

The Skeston Bulldogs will wind up their scheduled play of the season this week against two of the most potent basketball teams in Southeast Missouri, the Cape Girardeau College Preps and Fruitland Greyhounds.

Coach Vernon Green's Growlers go to Cape Tuesday evening to fight it out with the Preps if it takes all evening. Then, Fruitland boys, whose only basketball court is a couple of backboards on stilts in the school yard, come here Friday evening.

Losses by both these northern teams are as scarce as hen's teeth this season, although both teams have beaten each other this season.

## Congress to Consider Pleas for Transcontinental Toll Hiways

Washington, Feb. 14.—Congress within the next few weeks will give serious consideration to proposals to construct a system of high-speed transcontinental toll highways.

Through congressional exploration into all phases of the federal toll highway scheme, not long ago considered fantastic, was assured today by Chairman Clarence Lea of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee.

Lea, a California Democrat, revealed his committee plans to hold hearings "in the next three or four weeks" on a bill sponsored by Congressman Ira W. Drew, Pennsylvania, Democrat, to transfer all toll roads, bridges and similar facilities to the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Although planning to consider Drew's measure specifically, Lea said, the hearings will necessarily have to include all pertinent information on the general subject of toll transportation facilities.

He said all interested parties would be invited to appear, with the expectation that congressional advocates of toll highway systems would take the opportunity to submit data on their proposals. Lea said that while he had no desire to infringe upon the jurisdiction of the House Committee

on Roads, to which all highway proposals are referred, proper consideration of Drew's measure might require "going pretty far afield."

Chairman Wilburn Cartwright of the roads committee voiced his opposition to toll highway projects today, declaring attention first should be directed toward completion of the farm-to-market road program. The Lea hearings would, therefore, provide toll highway advocates their first opportunity to push their various proposals.

These have been given impetus in the last week with the disclosure by President Roosevelt that he is seriously considering recommendations to congress for construction of a transcontinental system of self-liquidating highways as a "pump-priming" expedient.

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## "DEATH BEGIN AT 40" GIVES DRIVING HAZARDS

Hartford, Conn.—Basic reasons for America's shameful automobile accident record in 1937 were "too much speed and too little courtesy" according to a new booklet entitled "Death Begins at 40", just issued. The booklet presents a complete analysis of last year's traffic accidents, based on official figures from the 48 states.

There is no intention in the booklet, according to the editors, to advocate 40 miles an hour or any other fixed speed as a top limit. To quote: ". . . there are times as in heavy traffic or heavy fog, when 30 miles an hour is suicidal; other times when 50 miles an hour seems reasonable. Every driver should know, however, that if he does have an accident it is more likely to mean death if he is going fast."

Many of the features in the booklet have been prepared especially to show what happens in the higher brackets of speed. It is pointed out, for instance, that a car is four times harder to stop at 50 miles an hour than it is at 25, and nine times harder to stop at 75 miles an hour than at 25. A new word, "turnability" has been coined to express another speed factor. The driver's turnability, the booklet shows, decreases rapidly as his speed increases. Thus, he can make only one-fourth as sharp a turn at 50 miles an hour as he could make at 25 and only one-ninth as sharp a turn at 75 as at 25.

## Played Dice Millennium Ago

It is interesting but certainly not surprising to be informed by a Smithsonian Institution scientist that Indians of the Columbia river region played a primitive version of dice a millennium ago. Dice—or their relatives, knucklebones—have been in use all over the world, almost from the beginning of human society. One antiquarian asserts that the game of "odd or even," played with pebbles, and from which knucklebones and dice evolved, is coeval with the creation of man.

The most ancient tombs of China, Japan and India give forth dice, laid away with their one-time users. By the time Greece and Rome flowered into civilization, dice were so old that such a historian as Herodotus could only guess at their origin, telling a fanciful tale of their being invented by the Indians during a period of famine. Dicing was the favorite pastime of the rich Greeks, who cast them from benches of gold. Unreal as that may seem, most Greeks preferred craps to philosophy.

Then in the day of imperial Rome, dicing became a worldwide scandal. Permit a quotation from the Encyclopedia Britannica:

"Mark Antony wasted his time at Alexandria with dicing, while according to Suetonius, the Emperors Augustus, Nero and Claudius were passionately fond of it, the last named having written a book on the game. Caligula notoriously cheated at the game; Domitian played it, and Commodus set apart special rooms in his palace for it. The Emperor Verus, adopted son of Antoninus, is known to have thrown dice whole nights together."

Or consider the description by Ammianus Marcellinus of what he saw among the poorer classes of Rome in the fourth century of the Christian era. He says "they play at dice so eagerly as to quarrel over them, snuffing up their nostrils and making unseemly noises by drawing back their breath into their noses." Anyone acquainted with modern dice will recognize the symptoms. The pool hall loungers of old Rome were merely imitating "Big Dick" or "Eighter from Decatur" to be reasonable and show ahead of the seven.—Portland Oregonian.

## FORMER SURVEYOR IN MADRID DIES IN WEST

Denver, Colo., Feb. 16.—James A. Collier, 42 years old, a Colorado highway department employee

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and former New Madrid County, Mo., surveyor, died yesterday of a skull fracture suffered Feb. 2 when he was slugged and robbed by an assailant who escaped. Collier came here three years ago from Phoenix, Ariz.

## Doniphan Newspapers Merge.

Doniphan, Mo., Feb. 16.—E. C. White, owner and publisher of the Doniphan Republican, a weekly newspaper, for 23 years, today announced sale of his newspaper and printing plant to J. P. Campbell and associates, publishers of the Doniphan weekly Prospect-News. The two papers will be merged. White has not announced his future plans.



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# Bulldog Courtmen Ride to Title, Conquering Diehlstadt at Benton

Annex Two-County Basket Final, 25-18

The victory stride of the Sikeston Bulldogs continued unabated in the finals of the Scott-Mississippi County cage tournament at Benton Saturday as they copped the gold-plated trophy for first place, defeating Diehlstadt, 25-18.

From the time Tommy Marshall sank a long s/d attempt in the first minute of play, Coach Vernon Green's Red and White passers led the procession. The passing Growlers stood out plainly for a smoother type of play, although they brought to the county seat one of the smallest teams in the meet.

The Dragons had a tough time of it in shooting many times placing the ball fairly close to the hoop, but not inside. The Bulldogs blanketed their opponent's goal so well that most Dragon shots, especially late in the game, were of the long-range variety.

Tense over the importance of the tussle, both teams were jittery as it began and experienced some difficulty in handling the ball. They settled down after a while, but neither team could approach the hoop much on regular passing plays the first half. The 7-2 count for the first quarter jumped to 10-3 at the half, Malone's floor bucket and Cox's free toss being the only Diehlstadt scores the first two periods.

Still holding off the Dragons in the defensive, the Bulldogs "perked up" on their floor play and enjoyed their best quarter, annexing 10 points. This period ended with the count at 20-7. Relaxing on the homebound drive, the leaders saw Diehlstadt crash the hoop for 11 points, two on setup shots.

Counting the scheduled game at Doniphan Tuesday night, it was the fifth triumph in five nights for the Growlers, who beat Anisston, Blodgett and Morley in succession to go into the finals. Diehlstadt previously had beaten Oran, Charleston and Farnett.

Clyde Long's scoring eye was turned to the hoop and he laid in nine points for the game's high. Credit, of course, goes to his mates, particularly Aldridge, who has come a long way since the first of the season. Malone scored seven points for his team.

Diehlstadt girls won their 50th consecutive victory over a period of three years in annexing the girls' title, Illinois girls going down to defeat, 37-17. Morley boys trimmed Farnett, 24-17, and thereby won the consolation. Morley girls made it a housecleaning in the consolation bracket by beating East Prairie, 43-21.

Sikeston	FG	FT	PF	TP
Aldridge, f.	1	1	4	3
Smith, f.	0	0	0	0
Marshall, f.	2	0	0	4
Long, c.	3	3	2	9
Swain, g.	0	2	1	2
Lambert, g.	0	0	0	0
Davis, g.	3	1	3	7
	9	7	10	25

Diehlstadt	FG	FT	PF	TP
Malone, f.	3	1	4	7
Merrick, f.	0	0	0	0
Fitzpatrick, f.	0	1	0	1
Lawrence, f.	0	0	0	0
Cox, c.	0	1	3	1
Sliger, c.	0	0	0	0
Morris, g.	0	1	0	1
Helmes, g.	2	0	0	4
Tomlinson, g.	0	2	0	2
Dame, g.	1	0	2	2
	6	6	9	18

Score by periods:  
Sikeston 7 3 10 5-25  
Diehlstadt 2 1 4 11-18  
Referees—Ford and Hansel.

## EMPLOYERS' SECURITY RETURNS DELINQUENT

Records of the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue, Thomas J. Sheehan, indicate that a large number of employers in the first Missouri district are delinquent in filing their information returns required under Title V of the Social Security Act for the period ending December 31, 1937, which were due on January 31, 1938.

Benefits due employees under the old-age insurance provisions of the Social Security Act are based on the amount of wages earned by an employee before he attains the age of 65 years. In order that employees may receive proper credit for wages earned, the employer must, in addition to filing the monthly tax returns on Form SS-1, which were required during the calendar year 1937, file information returns on Forms SS-2 and SS-2a.

In order that penalties may be avoided, any employer who has failed to file the information returns required of him, under title V of the act, should do so immediately.

Requests for forms and information should be addressed to the Collector of Internal Revenue, 1114 Market Street, St. Louis.

Tramp: Could you give a poor fellow a bite?  
Lady: I don't bite myself, but I'll be glad to call my dog.

At first it was love. He fascinated me—and I kissed him. Yeah, I know, and then he began to unfascinate you—and you

Morley Beaten, 28-11, In Semi-Final Play

By a lop-sided 28-11 score, the Bulldogs shot their way into the Scott-Mississippi County tournament finals Friday night, blasting the aspiration of the Morley team. During the first half Morley found the Growler defense riveted solid, for Brasher's free toss was the only marker for the losses in this session of play. Sikeston eased along the first half, moving the count from five at the first quarter to 11 for the half.

Morley did manage to get five points each of the last two periods, and the Bulldogs made it 15-6 the third quarter, then swishing the net for 12 more in the final drive. Clyde Long, the twisting center, personally accounted for 10 points to head the scoring parade. Forward Mize of Morley was the scoring standout on his team with four points.

It was the fourth victory in four days for the Growlers.

Sikeston	FG	FT	PF	TP
Marshall, f.	0	0	2	0
Smith, f.	0	0	0	0
Aldridge, f.	2	1	0	5
Swanagon, f.	0	1	0	1
Long, c.	3	4	2	10
Cox, c.	0	0	0	0
Swain, g.	2	0	2	4
Lambert, g.	3	0	1	6
Shelby, g.	0	0	0	0
Allen, g.	0	0	0	0
	11	6	7	28

Morley	FG	FT	PF	TP
F. Williams, f.	0	1	2	1
Daugherty, f.	0	0	0	0
Mize, f.	1	2	2	4
R. Williams, f.	0	0	0	0
Brasher, c.	1	1	4	3
Harris, c.	0	0	0	0
Hitt, g.	1	0	3	2
Bailey, g.	0	1	0	1
	3	5	11	11

Score by periods:  
Sikeston 5 6 4 13-28  
Morley 1 0 5 5-11  
Referees—Ford and Hansel.

## Deride Roosevelt Policy Which Businesses Accept

When President Roosevelt remarked at a press conference that a way out of the depressive tendencies would be for industry to cut prices while retaining wage levels, his statement was greeted by his political opponents with the customary hoots. They said it was uneconomic.

Yet the president only echoed the findings of the Brookings institute, an independent economic research body, which had recommended this plan after several years of investigation. Thousands of business men had already adopted it. Dr. Harold Moulton, president of the institute, has since reiterated it, as well as stating a constantly rising standard of living could be effected only by keeping wages on the increase in the ratio of "technological advances."

This phrase is the economist's hog Latin for labor wage savings in improved machine and mass production. We have, too, two notable acceptances of the president's idea in the Packard Motor Car company and "big steel" reducing prices while maintaining wage levels.—Wm. P. Harvey.

## IMPROVED SPINNING TEST SPEEDS COTTON RESEARCH

Improved spinning tests, devised by cotton specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture, make it possible to run a complete test on a sample of 5 pounds of lint cotton. Previously, it was customary to use a much greater quantity of cotton—even a bale (500 pounds) or more—and this amount is still required as a minimum if the test is conducted in a commercial plant.

This is a particular advantage to cotton breeders, says Malcolm E. Campbell of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, for they can produce enough lint from the first generation of a new cross for a spinning test. Formerly it required several years, much labor and expense to obtain a sufficient quantity of cotton for a spinning test.

When type and quantity of waste are major factors, a sample weighing from 35 to 40 pounds is desirable. However, when precise measurements of waste are not of major importance, as is frequently the case, the Department scientists can obtain sufficient data from as little as 5 pounds of lint, or even less in special instances. These small samples of cotton are manufactured into yarns and tire cords, and even cloth in some instances, which are subjected to many different kinds of tests in the laboratories of the Department.

It takes only a few stalks to produce 5 pounds of lint. Under average conditions it would require from 2 to 3 acres to produce a bale of cotton for commercial spinning tests.

Sam: "Lissen heah, boy, jes' what kind o' life is you been leadin'?"  
Rastus: "Oh, ordinary, jes' ordinary."  
Sam: "Well, if yo' pulls any mo' aces out o' yo' shoe, yo' ordinary

Blodgett Succumbs in Second Tilt, 31-21

The Bulldogs advanced to the semi-finals in the Scott-Mississippi County tourney at Benton Wednesday night in beating Blodgett, 31-21, without undue strain. Coach Green started his second team and it held the husky Blodgett passers to a 5-3 count the first quarter. The regulars took over after the breathing spell and forged ahead to hold a slim lead at the half, 12-11.

During the third period the Sikeston boys began slipping the ball around in the manner in which they have lately become accustomed and drew away to a 22-15 lead the third period. They continued the stride for the remainder of the game.

Close as the score was for two thirds of the game, the Bulldogs did not extend themselves heavily, although the scoring of the first string was consistent and averaged better than nine points a quarter. Blodgett had very little opportunity to shoot close in, except on follow up shots, because of the stringent guarding of the Growlers.

Aldridge and Long led the scorers with eight points each. Nunnelee and Young of Blodgett placed their side with six apiece.

Sikeston	FG	FT	PF	TP
Smith, f.	2	0	0	4
Marshall, f.	0	0	2	0
Swanagon, f.	0	1	0	1
Aldridge, f.	3	2	1	8
Cox, c.	0	0	1	0
Long, c.	4	0	1	8
Allen, g.	0	0	3	0
Swain, g.	2	1	0	5
Lambert, g.	0	0	0	0
Davis, g.	2	1	3	5
	13	5	11	31

Blodgett	FG	FT	PF	TP
Gier, f.	1	0	0	2
Warren, f.	1	0	4	2
Gaither, f.	0	0	0	0
Nunnelee, c.	3	0	1	0
Murphy, c.	0	0	0	0
Vinson, g.	2	1	2	5
Young, g.	2	2	1	6
	9	3	8	21

Score by periods:  
Sikeston 3 19 10 9-31  
Blodgett 5 6 4 6-21

## Charleston News

Howlett Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson, of this city, a U. S. Government engineer who sailed March 12 last year for Honolulu, and who on Sept. 16 was sent to the Isle of Hawaii on an engineering project, was on Feb. 16 transferred back to Scofield Barracks on the Isle of Oahu, near Honolulu.

George U. Shelby, Jr., who had the misfortune to fall and break his right arm on Wednesday of last week, is reported to be improving. George had the misfortune to break the same arm in a different place last August.

Mrs. Robert Poage and sons, and Miss Dandetta Hinkle, were visitors in Sikeston on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Roy Leslie, of Sikeston, spent Tuesday night in this city, where she was the house guest of her sister, Mrs. Garnet Waggoner, and mother, Mrs. Mary Thompson.

Miss Ruth Swank, a member of the West End School faculty, was in Cape Girardeau Friday to attend a committee meeting.

Mrs. John Heggie will return next Tuesday from a several weeks' visit in Omaha, Neb., where he was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Hill, and Mr. Hill.

Mrs. William Love and little daughter returned Tuesday to their home in this city from St. Mary's Hospital in Cairo, Ill.

Mrs. E. R. Lash spent Wednesday in Sikeston, where she was the dinner guest of Mrs. Ramsey Walton.

Mrs. Mary Shelby returned Wednesday from Sikeston, where she had been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Ramsey Walton.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Poague and Mr. Joe Schmidt visited the latter's mother in Cape Girardeau on Sunday afternoon.

Dr. A. H. Marshall was in Cairo, Ill., Wednesday night to meet his mother, Mrs. W. T. Marshall, who was returning from Birmingham, Ala., where she had been the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Marshall for the past three weeks.

A fellow bent over the dictionary in a corner of the Lake Shore Athletic Club library was seeking the precise meaning of the word "helix," when he caught sight of "hebetude." Hebetude is a synonym for stupidity, but, more important, it led the adventurer to "hebetate," which means "to dull or blunt, as awns." Tracking down "awns" uncovered the fact that it is "esp. on the glumes of grasses." And glumes is a "characteristic bract of the inflorescence of sedges." Robert Carlson, checking up on a piece about all this in the club's weekly news bulletin, found that a "sedg" is a "cyperaceous plant," and that a cyperaceous plant differs from grasses by having achenes instead of seeds. Achenes—in case you care—are indehiscant. Chicago

# LAST WEEK OF LAIR'S BIG SALE!

Thousands of dollars worth have been delivered over Southeast Missouri at saving prices—but there's a world of it yet to sell. Sale prices will end at six o'clock the last day of February.

## The Last Week Should Prove Wonderful for Bargain Hunters

Still further reductions in many lines will be the order of the week. Gather up your friends—step on the starter—don't wait till tomorrow. No other store in Missouri is naming such prices as these on the same quality.

\$7.95 occasional chairs	\$5.50
\$11.50 Chintz Boudoir chairs	\$7.20
\$8.95 Velour Chair, web bottom	\$5.95
\$119.50 Butt Walnut Bedroom Suite, poster bed	\$84.70
Sealy Sudio Couch, \$39.50 value	\$29.50
\$89.50 two piece Rayon Tapestry living room suite	\$56.50
\$129.50 living room suite walnut frame-damask	\$87.60
\$49.50 barrel shape chair, mahogany, pleated back	\$36.80
\$59.50 Permalux comfort chair and ottoman	\$45.00
\$22.50 Inner spring mattress	\$12.95
\$12.95 solid walnut coffee table	\$9.75
\$69.50 Mohair Living Room outfit, two pieces	\$47.20
\$17.50 walnut and maple knee hole desks	\$12.75
\$42.50 Tapestry living room suite	\$25.50
\$9.75 butt walnut occasional table	\$6.90
\$12.50 fine felted cotton mattress	\$7.50

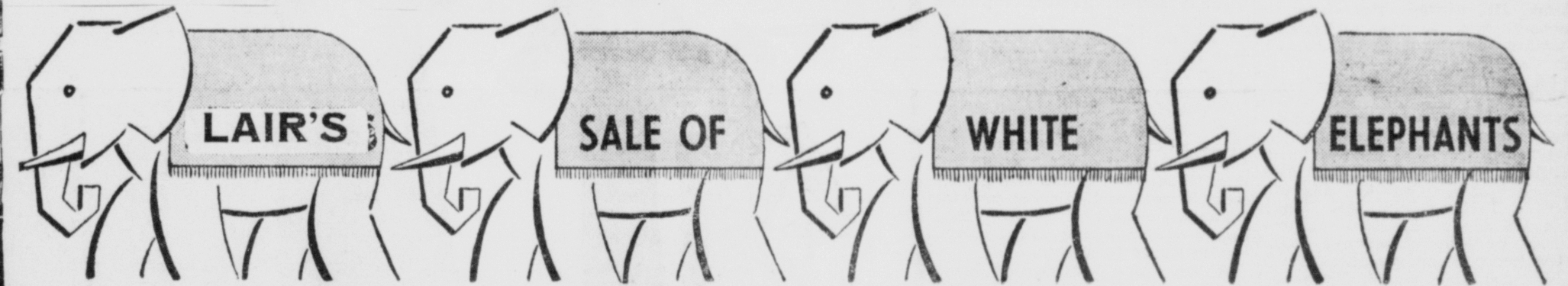
\$98.50 four piece Maple bed room suite	\$74.50
\$110.00 Lamb Ray living room set, two pieces	\$79.80
\$39.50 Lane Cedar Chest	\$29.50
\$5.75 framed velour wall picture	\$3.95
\$27.50 Hamilton-Beach Vacuum Cleaner	\$14.50
\$15.95 Fedelco Vacuum Cleaner	\$9.50

(Above cleaners were rebuilt by factory. Have one year guarantee)

\$36.50 G. E. Vacuum Cleaner, brand new	\$25.00
\$12.50 Mahogany drum top table	\$9.75
\$37.50 Ultra modern knee hole desk	\$28.40
\$10.95 walnut what not	\$7.75
\$27.50 mottled axminster rugs	\$19.50
\$49.50 fine grade axminster	\$36.50
\$32.50 Chinese Floral Axminster	\$22.50
\$39.50 heavy weight modern axminster	\$31.50
Pretty scatter rugs 27x48	\$1.69
\$5.00 9x12 felt base rugs, fair grade	\$3.25
\$6.00 durable felt base rugs	\$4.45
11-3x12 Armstrong felt base rugs	\$9.75

## REMEMBER! THIS IS THE LAST ROUND-UP OF THE BIGGEST FURNITURE SALE OF THE SEASON!

Come—whether buying or not. You will see the best store of it's kind between St. Louis and Memphis. Tune in on KFVS at 10:15 each week day for fresh news of the sale.



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# SALE OF "WHITE ELEPHANTS"

"WHITE ELEPHANTS" TO US - - BARGAINS TO YOU - - TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

## Explaining "White Elephants:"

To merchants, "White Elephants" are items of merchandise that for one reason or another—sometimes for no reason at all—set on the floor month after month but do not sell. In a stock as large as ours it is quite natural that some excellent merchandise of this sort must accumulate—therefore we offer the "White Elephant" sale in this last wind up as an extra inducement to shoppers of Southeast Missouri. If you miss the "White Eelephant" group you really miss SOMETHING. Descriptions are brief but exact. OUR BIG EAST SHOW WINDOW will be the "White Elephant" show case during closing week.

We name a few "white elephant" bargains—there are many others.

\$57.50 two piece living room suite, modern, brown and green	\$28.50
\$57.50 two piece living room suite, Green Moire Tapestry	\$28.50
\$35.00 French Vanity or dressing table	\$16.75
\$2.50 Maple stand student lamps	98c
Revolving world globes on stand—regular	\$1.25
\$1.25 metal beverage tables	49c
\$6.75 lamp tables	\$2.98
\$5.50 walnut coffee tables	\$2.49
\$2.75 to \$4.00 Junior Lamps a dukes mixture of them	98c
Lot metal smokers up to \$2.50	98c
Lot fancy sofa pillows worth up to \$1.50	49c
Taffeta Bed Sets—\$3.75 quality	\$1.49
\$1.25 ironing boards	89c
\$1.50 to \$2.50 framed pictures	49c

\$2.50 framed mirrors	\$1.85
\$1.25 end tables	69c
\$22.50 Oak Breakfast set, extension	\$13.90
\$2.50 vanity bench	\$1.89
Lot linoleum and congoeum remnants (like stealing it), square yard	25c
Iron beds, two inch posts, regular	\$5.50
\$49.50 three piece walnut finish bedroom suite (modern design)	\$32.50
\$14.95 Fashion Flow knee hole desk, slightly damaged	\$8.70
Electric Washer, made by General Electric, \$69.50 value	\$39.50
\$8.50 ladder back Maple or Walnut straight chairs, rush seats	\$4.50
\$7.50 fancy metal smokers, chrome and onyx	\$3.95
\$3.75 oak rockers	\$2.49
\$13.50 gate leg table, walnut	\$7.95

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## LOCALS

Mrs. Amy Matthews and her daughter Miss Helen Matthews are now occupying their new home in East Acres that they purchased last fall from Ted Higgins.

Mrs. A. H. Holman of Portageville was the guest of Mrs. J. O. Huffstader last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Jones spent Saturday in Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Taylor and two children, Danny and Gail spent the week end in Jackson with relatives of Mrs. Taylor. Gail remained in Jackson for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dunegan spent the week end in Cape Girardeau.

H. T. Jones and son Anderson, of Cape Girardeau, were guests of the former's sister Mrs. R. H. Wagner and family, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Matthews III and children Dot and Charles, and Mrs. Walter Clymer returned Thursday afternoon after spending a month at Miami Beach, Fla. They came home via New Orleans and Memphis.

Mrs. W. A. Anthony will entertain the Tuesday afternoon club today at her home on North Park Avenue.

R. E. Bailey left Saturday morning on a business trip to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Reese and Mrs. Arthur Reese returned home Saturday from St. Louis where Mr. Reese had spent several weeks in Barnes Hospital undergoing examination and treatment. Mr. Reese stood the trip very well.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Langley entertained their Pinochle club Saturday night.

Ben Chaney of Boulder, Colo., arrived Sunday morning to visit his mother Mrs. Kate Harris, and sisters, Miss Lydia and Miss Audrey Chaney.

Miss Doris Hulien is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. L. Guthrie, who is ill with measles.

Mrs. Ed Fuchs, Mrs. C. L. Monts, Mrs. Thos. Allison, Mrs. George Limbaugh and Mrs. Ned Tanner shopped in Cape Girardeau, last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Mocabee were in Kennett several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Reed of Dexter were guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Ruth Malone, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sizemore of Anna, Ill., visited the former's mother, Mrs. M. A. Arterburn and Mr. Arterburn, at 527 Delmar Street Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Schwinke and son Earl Jackey of St. Louis spent their vacation of two weeks with their mother, Mrs. M. A. Arterburn and Mr. Arterburn. While on their vacation they also took a trip to Osceola, Piggott, Ark. and Bloomfield, Mo. They returned home Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. Arterburn who came home Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hyde of Aberdeen, Idaho, were guests of Judge and Mrs. T. F. Henry the early part of last week.

Mrs. Gene Aufdenberg entertained her bridge club Thursday night.

Mrs. Jephtha Riggs, Mrs. Lula Eicholtz of Cape Girardeau and the former's guest, Mrs. Ola Sitzes of Pasadena, Calif. spent Saturday in Sikeston with friends. Mrs. Riggs was a luncheon guest of Mrs. J. N. Ross, while Mrs. Eicholtz and Mrs. Sitzes were guests of Mrs. Jean Hirschberg.

Announcement of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allison of Jefferson City, Mo., who has been named Katherine Jayne, were received here last week. Mrs. Allison will be remembered here as the former Miss Aileen Tribble.

### READ THIS TO YOUR BOYS

Every parent in Scott County should read the following article, written for the Kansas City Star by a reformed drunkard, to their sons—and to their daughters, too, and perhaps to themselves, then lay it away for future readings:

I was in my 30s before I began drinking too much. Even then, for a long time it was an occasional rather than a regular performance.

What a boneheaded performance it seems as I look back on it! What a boneheaded performance it was! Saddling yourself with an unnecessary load of fatigue and nervous exhaustion, merely for the sake of a temporary feeling of good fellowship, and the brief illusion that all was well with the world. Very decidedly, all was not well with my world, and I was making it worse steadily in an effort to make it seem better. I was running away from reality, as the psychiatrists say, creating a world of illusion because I didn't like the real one around me.

I need not trouble you with the details of my first "tailspin," losing my job, going to a sanitarium, staying two weeks. It sobered me a little mentally, but not enough.

What I immediately needed was rest, and thereafter a changed point of view. I got the first, but not the second. I left the sanitarium and got a job.

Eight months later I was drinking again. Drinking because I was tired, physically and mentally, and disturbed emotionally. Drinking seemed to stimulate my mind as well as my body, and I hoped it would narcotize my woes. It was not satisfactory as an emotional narcotic. It never is. You might as well try to cure an abscessed tooth with aspirin. However, there was no question as to drinking stimulating my mind and body. It exhausted my body and set my mind spinning and sputtering like a Fourth of July pinwheel, instead of revolving in an orderly manner like a well-oiled piece of machinery.

Fourteen months after my first sanitarium experience, I landed in another sanitarium, this time definitely deranged for some time. It took me nearly four months to recover. But I did get out of the sanitarium, and wobbled back to normal again, my constitution coming to my aid, in spite of all I had done to my body. The thoroughness of my reformation was a wonder and delight to all my friends for quite a while.

"Isn't he doing well?" they said to one another. "The old chap had it in him. Mighty fine."

Of course, I liked that. We all like praise, particularly when we believe we've earned it. But I also liked conviviality and gaiety. I liked to entertain my friends and play the host. It is one of the most delightful pleasures on earth. I seemed for quite a while to like almost everybody better after a few drinks, and almost everybody seemed to like me better too.

In about three years after my great reformation I was drinking again. I drank moderately at first, then not so moderately. I recognize today that I never was much of a success at moderation in anything. When I worked, I always worked hard, and when I played, I played hard. I seldom knew when to stop playing. Drinking was a form of play to me—about as safe as a revolving buzz-saw within reach of a 3-year-old child.

It required six more years, however, for me to arrive at a complete smashup. Don't think I didn't have plenty of warning from those who were fond of me. I did. Perhaps that was one of the difficulties—too much extremely sound advice, repeated so often that it made you long to go and do just the opposite. The Bible says something about its being impossible to separate a fool from his folly.

I would have spells of temperance, periods even of abstinence for as much as three months. But I couldn't bring myself to believe that I could not drink like a reasonable person, like most persons I knew. I did not realize that liquor was warping my mind, wrecking my judgment.

A great many erroneous ideas about alcohol are cherished, even by those who have experimented with it enough to know better. One is that if you take a few drinks when you are feeling blue, it will cheer you up. It seldom did with me, if I was really blue. It merely accentuated my melancholy. If suicide had looked good before those few drinks, it looked twice as good and three times as logical afterward. Hundreds of people kill themselves every year after taking enough drinks to distort their mental vision thoroughly. Often they start the process by seeking in vain synthetic cheerfulness.

Alcohol exaggerates everything. Often in me it has produced a senseless optimism—a delusion of grandeur, psychiatrists call it—which led to my spending money I didn't have for things I didn't need. On such occasions I always was certain I was going to tap some new "gusher" of income and earn more than I ever had before. Sometimes my drinking companions were going to give me some highly remunerative outside work, in addition to my regular job. They always forget it next day.

My second collapse came eleven years after the first one. Eight months in various hospitals followed. When I left the last one, to tackle the business of living again, the little doctor who had been my good friend as well as my physician, had very little advice to offer, although I asked him for it.

"I don't believe I'd ever drink if I were you," was all he said.

He was quite aware that if I hadn't learned enough by that time to cure myself of drinking, no power on earth, nor any medical treatment could save me.

The way back to normal, happy life for the confirmed drinker is not easy. Yet it is not as desper-

ately hard as some people like to picture it. At least, it wasn't for me. No man can speak authoritatively except out of his own experience, and for himself.

Every man must work out his own drinking problems. Sometimes the most unexpected factors come to one's aid. For instance I honestly believe that the despairing conviction of many friends that I couldn't and wouldn't quit, has helped me to do so. It was as if they had thrown down a challenge. Just as I tried to show

them I could drink moderately and harmlessly when they assured me I could not, so my innate obstinacy has led me to determine to stay sane and sober after most people who knew me had decided, "Poor old fellow, he really can't help it." I could help it, and I would.

I would be a poor creature, indeed, if I failed to record here that the determined faith which a few of my dearest friends, many of them women, have retained in me, despite every failure has been

a factor of even greater power. You can't go on letting your most loyal rooters down forever.

Pride goeth before a fall is a true proverb. So, having fallen a good many times before, I gave myself no air over my present tardy success in staying on my feet. I still do not boast of victory, although secretly I believe I have won. I shall need to keep on winning twenty or thirty years, or however long a time remains in my book of days, before I can claim definite triumph.

### THEIRS A COMMON CAUSE

Last week some hunters ran across a half grown coyote near Sugar Creek this side of Kansas City. Cornering the young animal they were able to capture and take it home unharmed. They put it in a large wire cage and spent quite a bit of time hunting rabbits with which to feed it. On one of these rabbit excursions they ran across a crow with a broken wing. They took it along just as it was, thinking to help out the

coyote's menu. They threw it in the cage with the beast. Young Mr. Coyote and old Mr. Crow, thing like this:

"Every man's hand is against us. We are the only wild things in this county on which there is not a closed season. We, in the eyes of the law are outlaws. Let's be friends, so each will have at least one friend."

Now they eat, play and sleep together and kindhearted sportsmen have had to add crow bait to their

daily search for pet food.—La Plata Home-Press.

The first survey for an Isthmian Canal in Panama was made by Spain in 1534.

In the old coal burning days, a recruit fireman from the backwoods of Kentucky stood barefooted before the boiler, leaning on his shovel.

The watertender spoke: "Hey, lad, you'd better move you foot, you're standing on a live coal." He replied: "Which foot, chief?"



# Spring FASHION Preview

## SPRING COATS

**FITTED COLLARLESS COATS!**  
**TUXEDO SWAGGERS! BOX COATS!**

This Spring coats come into their own! New, smart and so versatile, you'll want one on sight! Fitted collarless coats (perfect for accessories!) cleverly stitched tuxedo and box swaggers—all the newest Spring coats are here! Spongy woolsens, shetlands, tweeds, monotonens. Furred and unfurred. All sizes. Newest colors.

## SPRING SUITS

Your new suit must be figure-flattering like these! Sculptured man tailored, "little" suits, waist coat suits, collarless suits (very new), topcoat, cape and costume suits—all are figure moulding! Worsteds, tweeds, shetlands. Navy, black, beige, cadet blue, colors. All sizes.

## SPRING DRESSES

**Gay Prints! Pastels! Much Navy!**

Bewitchingly gay frocks to make you look your loveliest! Frocks with new, shorter boleros, fan pleated skirts, moulded bosoms, short sleeves, clever shirrings, little jacket frocks—all fairly sing of Spring! Navy with white, panel prints, tiny or spaced prints, pastels! All sizes.



**Bright Gloves**  
Hand stitched classics! Costume gloves! White, colors.



**Bright New Bags**  
Shiny patents, gabardines, new leathers! Smartest shapes. Black, navy, colors.



**Vivid Scarfs**  
Smart with your suits, coats! Florals, stripes, plaids. Pure dye silk.



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